

THANKS GIVEN TO GOOD HOUSEWIVES

The Times' Cakes and Puddings Appreciated.

LETTERS FROM CHARITIES

Superintendents Tell How Inmates Enjoyed Dainty Products of Woman's Cooking.

Washington's accomplished housewives who baked cakes and made puddings in competition for the prizes offered by The Times last week will be interested to know how much their work was appreciated by their less fortunate fellow-citizens who spent their Christmas Day in a hospital or enjoyed the bounty of a charitable institution.

How much the culinary activities were enjoyed is attested by the following letters which have come to The Times in recognition of the work of these capable matrons:

From Superintendent A. H. Tyson, of the Municipal Lodging House:

"Please accept thanks of the superintendents, as well as that of the men who are sheltering here. You would have been more than repaid for your kindness had you seen the men wading into the fine cakes and puddings which you so generously donated this institution. Owing to the kindness of the E. Morrison Paper Company donating wooden dishes we were enabled to serve them with the evening meal.

"When it was stated to the men whence the puddings and cakes came, many of them spoke out. 'Thanks to The Washington Times,' and one man rose to his feet and made a nice little toast."

From Sister Elizabeth, Providence Hospital:

"Many, many thanks for your generous donation of cakes etc. for our sick poor. May the giver of all good reward your generosity. We wish you all Christmas joys."

From Superintendent Marian Little, of the Homeopathic Hospital, Second and N Streets:

"The hospital committee wishes to thank The Times for the following donations to the hospital gratefully received December 22: Quantity, fine cake."

From R. J. Cole, superintendent Home for Colored Children and Old Women:

"Please accept our sincere thanks for the generous donation to our inmates."

FIREMEN REMEMBERED BY JOHN R. McLEAN

He Presents \$1,800 to Members of the Department—Gifts From Other Sources.

Christmas cheer came generously to the firemen of Washington. Each man in the department received a substantial present of cash.

The presents, which were given as testimonials to the well-known efficiency of the department, came from John R. McLean.

The latter handed to an employee \$1,800, and had him make the presentation at the twenty-seven fire houses in the city.

The presentation was made quietly, and the amount is greater than any other class of District employees received from any source.

Members of No. 14 Engine Company received gifts from various individuals and firms, and thereby had their holiday made all the more enjoyable. Among those who contributed to the gifts of No. 14 were William Hahn & Co., H. M. Smith, Richard McLean, L. A. Ratcliff, E. F. Droup & Sons, and F. B. Bosch & Co., of Philadelphia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Twyman, 22, and Priscilla Grimes, 21, both of Clifton Forge, Va.; Rev. John W. Steele.

H. A. McCain, 33, Roanoke, Va.; and Irene Rogers, 23, Charlottesville, Va.; Rev. C. C. Colman.

James A. Wilson, 23, and Edna Weeks, 20; Rev. P. A. Wallace.

James J. Forsythe, 24, and Beulah L. Frye, 18; Rev. F. J. O'Connell.

William C. Reid, 30, District of Columbia; and Katie James, 28, Manassas, Va.; Rev. A. B. Hamlin.

Thomas Brooks, 24, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Hattie Clark, 24, District of Columbia; Rev. Sheton Miller.

John L. Alvis, 20, and Emma Whitley, 19, both of Lynchburg, Va.; Rev. D. C. MacLeod.

Henry F. Whiting, 24, and Mamie Warwick, 21; Rev. Lucien Clark.

HEADACHE RELIEVED INSTANTLY

Got a constant headache? Ten chances to one the secret of your suffering is that "white man's burden," catarrh. Here's a sentence from one man's evidence: "Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder: 'One application gave me instant relief, cleared the nasal passages, and stopped the pain in my head.' It's a quick, safe, and sure treatment, and it never fails to cure."

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Almost Giving Away Toys

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LONG IN BUSINESS LIFE



WILLIAM L. CHERY.
Finally Succumbs to Diabetes. A Resident for Many Years of Georgetown.

WM. L. CHERY DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Born in Georgetown, He Had Long Been Identified With Business Interests in Capital City.

After a long illness, William L. Chery, senior partner of the firm of Chery & Moran, died at 7 o'clock last evening at his home, 912 H Street northwest. Members of his family were with him at the end. Mr. Chery's death was due to diabetes.

William L. Chery was born in Georgetown in 1850. In 1865 he entered the employ of Wall, Stevens & Co., clothiers, and has been identified with the clothing business in Washington ever since. When the name of the firm of Wall, Stevens & Co. was changed to B. Robinson & Co., Mr. Chery became a partner in the new firm, which afterward became Robinson, Chery & Co.

When the fine establishment at the corner of Twelfth and F Streets northwest was destroyed by fire in 1888, Mr. Chery became senior partner, and the firm has since been known as the Chery & Moran Company.

In addition to his prominence as a clothier Mr. Chery was an active member of the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association. He was also connected with Carroll Institute.

Mr. Chery is survived by a widow, Mrs. Clara Eaton Chery; his mother, Mrs. L. A. Chery, and sister, Mrs. J. W. Orme. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 27.—Coroner Purvis has decided to hold an inquest tomorrow over the remains of Daniel Frazier, who died under mysterious circumstances in this city a few weeks ago. The contents of Frazier's stomach were sent to Washington and submitted to a chemical examination. Traces of cocaine were found in them.

WOUNDED IN SALOON.
Joseph Roberts, a young Alexandrian, was wounded in the leg by a bullet at McLearen's saloon yesterday afternoon. The affair is shrouded in mystery, and the injured man has given two accounts of it. In one he said he shot himself accidentally, and at another time he avers a man whom he does not know shot him.

MISS FLOOD MARRIED.
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mary French Flood, daughter of Mrs. Kate Williams Flood, of this city, to Robert D. Oglesby, of Lynchburg. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Cameron Street by the Rev. Mr. Herndon at noon yesterday. After the ceremony the couple left on an elegant bridal tour through the North. They will reside in Lynchburg.

FINED FOR THEFT.
Sadie Lawrence, arrested by Police-men Knight and Ferguson yesterday, on the charge of stealing clothes from Alice Sutherland, was fined \$5 by Justice Catron.

MRS. NORRIS' FUNERAL.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Ella Norris took place from St. Mary's Church this morning, and was largely attended. The Rev. H. J. Cutler officiated, and interment was made in Bethel Cemetery.

AGRICULTURE BUILDING PROGRESSES SLOWLY
Work on the new Department of Agriculture building is progressing very slowly owing to the inclement weather. Workmen, however, are doing all they can in the way of preparing for the steam shovels and other excavating machinery, which will be on the ground in a few weeks.

The contractors and Secretary Wilson are confident that the structure will be ready for occupancy in about two years, when the Senate office building, the new museum and the House office building will all be completed, and when the railroads are expected to run their trains into the new Union Station.

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WABASH TO DODGE THE UNIVERSITY

To Avoid Georgetown in Coming Into Town.

HINT OF TROUBLE UNLESS Faculty Likely to Make a Fight if Railway Uses Canal Right of Way.

Though the Wabash has bought the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and will soon be in possession of the property, it was said today that when the track of the Western Maryland is laid from Cumberland into Washington the Wabash will not come all the way down the canal into the Capital, notwithstanding such a right of way is believed to be the cheapest.

Hints have been sent to the officers of the Wabash and to Gould at New York that Georgetown University will make the fight of its life against the railroad coming into Georgetown under the very walls of the university, which it must do if it were to follow the canal down to the proposed terminals at the canal end.

Consequently it was said today, that the railroad would probably come down the canal as far as Great Falls or Cabin John Bridge, cross the river into Virginia and come into the Union station by the way of the Long Bridge.

There is much speculation in the city as to when the railroad may be expected to reach the Capital.

The general impression among railroad men is that at least another year will be spent in litigation over the possession of the canal, before even a spade of earth is turned in railroad construction.

Then another year will certainly pass before the road could by any means be hurried to completion.

DISTRIBUTING FUNDS TO PAY FOR SITE

The fund for the payment of the owners of land in square 88, which was condemned as a site for the Senate committee rooms building, is now in the hands of John R. Young, clerk of the Supreme Court of the District, and is ready for distribution.

The total amount awarded the property holders by the appraisers' jury is \$56,001, for the payment of forty-five parcels of land.

William Frye White, special counsel for the Government in the matter of the condemnation of square 88, was at the City Hall today approving orders for the payment of the amounts due claimants. He will be at the City Hall every day from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m. until the fund is disbursed.

SWINDLED A GOVERNOR.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 27.—The discovery has just been made that Gen. Mucio P. Martinez, governor of the State of Puebla, Mexico, has been swindled out of \$100,000 by two employees who possessed his entire confidence. One of the guilty men died suddenly recently and the other committed suicide.

Plea for Nan Patterson Asks That She Be Freed

Petition Signed in Cleveland Urges Jerome to Drop the Case—Put in Circulation by Mrs. Maybrick's Champion.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—Cleveland people who believe that Nan Patterson is innocent have the opportunity of signing a petition to that effect, which will be presented to District Attorney Jerome.

The petition asks that the murder indictment be dismissed and that Miss Patterson be set free.

A peculiar fact in connection with the circulation of the petition is that its originator is Mrs. F. G. Stone, of 105 Bolivar Street, who set petition machinery in motion in Cleveland for the pardon of Mrs. Florence Maybrick.

As in the Maybrick case, Mrs. Stone's efforts in behalf of Nan Patterson are purely humanitarian. She never saw Mrs. Maybrick and knew nothing about her. Neither does she know Nan Patterson nor any of her friends or relatives.

The Nan Patterson petition was put into circulation Christmas Day, and yesterday had fifty signatures. Mrs. Stone feels confident that at least 50,000 Clevelanders would sign it if it could be placed before them.

The petition, addressed to District Attorney Jerome, reads:

"We, the undersigned residents of Cleveland, believing in the innocence of Miss Nan Patterson, do respectfully ask you to petition the honorable court for a cancellation of the indictment against the young woman."

Mrs. Stone is the wife of a well-known citizen of Nova Scotia, but is a native of Austinburg, Ashtabula county, Ohio.

Mr. Stone six years ago retired from a general merchandise business, in which he had been engaged for twenty-five years, at Digby, Nova Scotia, and the couple moved to Cleveland, intending to reside here temporarily and then return to Nova Scotia.

Mr. Stone is one of the King's justices in Nova Scotia, and holds the appointment for life.

GENERAL MELEE FOLLOWS DISPUTE OVER CHANGE

A free-for-all fight began at De Atley's Hotel, 1222 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, last night, and three of the combatants were arrested by Policemen Kleindinst, of the First precinct station. As a result of the arrests \$50 collateral was forfeited in the Police Court this morning.

Trouble is said to have arisen when Walter Gordon took two of his friends into the saloon of the hotel and bought eggs. When his change was handed him he claimed the bartender was 5 cent "shy." William De Atley, proprietor of the resort, essayed the role of bouncer and tried to eject Gordon, who lives at 216 Murray Place northeast. Charles Jeffries is alleged to have joined the De Atley faction, and LaMott De Atley is also alleged to have taken a hand.

Gordon was badly beaten and after leaving the hotel he was rushed to Thirtieth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, where there was more fighting.

Kleindinst heard the noise made by the fighters, and rushed to the scene. De Atley was taken in tow first, and Jeffries next. Charges of assault and disorderly conduct were registered against De Atley, and Jeffries was charged with disorderly conduct.

HIS FACE WALKED ON BY TWO STRANGE NEGROES

Two unknown negroes, presumably with a grudge against Sandy Coats, another negro, twenty-one years old, met him at the mouth of an alley in Southwest Washington about 7 o'clock last night and did a horripole on his anatomy.

He had just come from his home, 618 Ambush Court, when one man knocked him down and the other began walking on his face. The vaudeville specialist continued his act until Coats' face looked not unlike a damaged pie.

Then his assailants made good their escape and Coats went to the Emergency Hospital, where his injuries were dressed.

He said he did not know of anyone who wished to kill him, and the police of the Fourth precinct have no clue.

LAWYERS NOW SETTLE LONG STANDING QUARREL

BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—The action which Elton D. Warner, of Dunkirk, brought against Lester F. Stearns, his former law partner, for an accounting of the firm's business, alleging that Stearns had taken \$18,000 for securing the Dunkirk harbor contract, Government work, for Hingston & Woods, has been settled out of court.

The suit was withdrawn by Warner. The terms were not made public.

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